

SPEAKER WITHEM: Debate is ceased. Senator Hall, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I'd like to ask for a call of the house.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor of the house going under call vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 0 nays to place the house under call.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The house is under call. Members, please return, check in. The house is under call. Senator Hall, do you want to proceed with your closing or do you want to wait till the members are here?

SENATOR HALL: I'd like to proceed. Thank you, Mr. President and members, the amendment takes \$100,000 that is not designated to any college or any university. So, Senator Kristensen, it does not take the money out of the backs of those at UNK. It is...comes out of the portion of monies that were appropriated by the Appropriations Committee to the university, the Board of Regents, for purposes of using at their discretion. Does it mean that Kearney might have gotten some of that? Sure, it's possible. Does it mean necessarily that they are going to absolutely lose with the adoption of this amendment? No, it does not. Senator Vrtiska talks about the ability or the need or the desire only to support one college of engineering in Nebraska, that we can't afford it. Ladies and gentlemen, I would argue that we can't not afford to do this, that we have to do this, that what this will do is bring in additional monies. It will bring in additional dollars in the form of students who stay here, who work here, who pay taxes here, that it will provide the base by which some of those businesses that we hope to attract will come to Nebraska. You can't afford not to do this and we've begun that process. What we do with this amendment is merely say that for a very small, a very modest amount of money, and I guess Senator Bromm knows what a dean goes for these days because you can't buy much of a dean for \$100,000, but I don't know that. All I know is that's a dollar figure that we got out of fiscal for purposes of designating in this area and I believe it's important when you designate the monies that we have for planning, for renovation on the UNO campus, that you have someone there who can direct those